

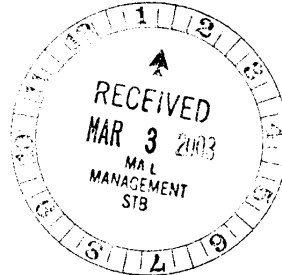
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**Re:   *Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 402X);  
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
Abandonment of Seattle, Washington***

Dear Mr. Williams:

In regards to the letter from Charles Montange, an attorney representing the City of Seattle, dated December 23, 2002 and the letter from Joseph Langjahr of Foss Maritime dated January 2, 2003, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway fully supports the issuance of a notice of interim trail use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d).

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Sincerely,

Michael A. Smith

cc:   Joseph Langjar (for Foss Maritime)  
Charles Montagne (for the City of Seattle)

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